

## **Agenda**

Juneau Commission on Sustainability  
Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 5:30pm  
Downtown Library Conference Room

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Duff Mitchell, Kate Troll, Lisa Weissler, Darryl Wetherall, Jenni Lefing, Ben Haight, and Kate Bevegni via phone. Jenni Lefing kept the minutes.

Others present: Staff Liaison: Beth McKibben

Public: Joe Lassiter

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Kate Troll called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

#### **II. AGENDA CHANGES**

Greg Smith will not be able to make tonight's meeting, as he is home sick. We can try to invite him to the JCOS May meeting or May work session.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of March 6, 2013 approved.

#### **IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.**

#### **V. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Greg Smith – CBJ Maintenance - postponed**

- i. Beth will get in touch with Greg, to ask him to attend the May meeting.

##### **B. JCOS Meetings**

- Work sessions have been focused on energy plan.
- May meetings: No meeting on May 1, regular meeting on May 15, and work session on May 22.

##### **C. Assembly COW –April 29<sup>th</sup>**

- JCOS will have 10 to 15 minutes to present on April 29. Items presented should include: launch of website, priorities for this year, plug in of ii. JCAP, Energy Plan, and how JCOS can be a resource.
- Jenni and Lisa will speak jointly at the Committee of the Whole to present these items, and will use annual report as a starting point.
- All JCOS members are invited and Jenni and Lisa will introduce JCOS members who come.
- Website will be shown at presentation.
- Lisa asked about buy in from folks about the energy plan before developing one. Duff stated that our plan is not to come up with the one energy plan but information awareness; to show CBJ what the options are.

- Lisa asked Duff to send Jenni and Lisa a paragraph about what he would like shared with the Assembly Committee of the Whole about the Energy Plan.
- Ben Haight noted that the Panning Commission spoke about the energy plan last week, and that the Comprehensive Plan has a chapter on energy and that the two need to integrate not offset the other.
- It was noted that we (JCOS) are taking steps as a direct response to the JCAP- which the assembly approved, which will be shared at the Assembly Committee of the Whole.
- At the Assembly Committee of the Whole, it was asked that Jenni and Lisa mention that our priorities are based on the JCAP, JCOS is the only commission in which Assembly Liaison and Planning Commission are voting members on, and that there's a lot of expertise and talent on this commission; and we are a resource to the Assembly.

#### D. Annual Report –due June 2013

Lisa and Jenni sent in a draft to JCOS. Send edits to Beth before May 15 meeting (to send to Jenni and Lisa). Final approval of report at the May meeting.

#### E. Web Page Update

Lisa, Kate B. and Jenni are working on the draft sent by CBJ, and will let JCOS know right before goes live. The goal is to have it live by the April 29 presentation. Russell Stigall of the Juneau Empire is interested in doing an article once the website is live. He will be invited to the COW meeting.

### VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. City Liaison Report

- Several Affordable Housing Commission Members have been talking about the cost of maintaining a house, and ways for it to be efficient including heating. It was noted that it would be good at some point to have a joint meeting with this commission as their efforts tie into the Energy Plan.

#### B. Items up for Assembly Action

Jerry sent an update via email: Assembly is starting budget finance committee meetings, he sent to the assembly COS energy plan work from last meeting, and passed message along about CBJ celebrating sustainability success stories. They talked about how to promote the efforts around this for the new Valley library.

#### C. Committee Reports

##### i. Education & Outreach Liaison

- Working on Facebook, website.
- Earth Day: In the past JCOS has had a presence at Earth Day festivities- that have occurred at Mendenhall Glacier Visitor's Center This year, due to lack of funding at the visitor center, the event is taking place at the Nugget Mall. The organizers asked if JCOS wanted a presence year.
- It was decided that JCOS will not be involved this year, as its not worth our time, and at this time we don't have an exhibit.

- It was noted that JCOS still has the banner that was developed for last year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

ii. Energy

- During the last work session, the committee went through the update on energy plan outline.
- Duff- has talked to mayor, Loren Jones, and others about the energy plan. He noted that we are not trying to come up with an alternative analysis- this is more of informational- work with assembly, etc.
- Duff arranged for Andy Baker, engineering consultant at Your Clean Energy in Anchorage, to do a presentation on Alaska Seawater Heat Pumps (which were used at Alaska Sea Life Center) April 11 at the Juneau Public Library. This is open to the community.
- Kate Troll asked about JCOS making recommendations within an energy plan, and she why we can't consider this. Duff replied that our credibility is to now be a resource.
- Lisa asked if the energy plan is a place for transportation as well. Transportation will now be added (which is also missing in the Juneau Comprehensive Plan).

iii. Solid Waste

- Kate B. has been in communication with Nathan Coffy about the Valley Library project, and shared her emails with JCOS.
- It was noted that Bernie, owner at Chena Hot Springs, has a machine that converts plastic to burnable oil.
- It was acknowledged that the city doesn't own trash, so there's nothing the city can do, as we don't have ownership of waste stream. So if want to move in his direction, its really up to Arrow Refuse

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 6:42 PM